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SUBJECT: PRUDENTIAL INTERNATIONAL CO. -- BACKGROUND CHECK

1. REQUEST BACKGROUND CHECK AS TO FINANCIAL CONDITION, BUSINESS HISTORY, AND REPUTATION OF PRUDENTIAL INTERNATIONAL CO., 401 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10013, TEL: 212/ 226.2021, TELEX: 442605. COMPANY APPEARS TO BE AN EXPORT OUTFIT, BUT IS NOT MENTIONED IN EXPORTERS CATALOGUE IN OUR COMMERCIAL LIBRARY. CHAIRMAN OF COMPANY IS HAMZI BEDRIA, LEBANESE-AMERICAN.

2. SUBJECT FIRM ALLEGEDLY CONTRACTED TO DELIVER 200,000 MT CEMENT TO JORDAN CEMENT FACTORIES, AMMAN, THROUGH SYRIAN MIDDLEMAN JOHN HALLEK. VALUE OF CONTRACT: 8.5M. DOLS. ACCORDING TO HALLEK'S SYRIAN ATTORNEY, US FIRM RENEGED, LEAVING SYRIAN CLIENT HOLDING BAG. SYRIANS CONTEMPLATED LEGAL ACTION IN U.S. HALLEK'S ATTORNEY HAS ASKED EMBASSY COMOFF TO WRITE BEDRIA IN EFFORT TO RESTORE CONTACT; ACCORDING TO SYRIANS, PRUDENTIAL HAS NOT FOR MORE THAN EIGHT MONTHS ANSWERED HALLEK'S LETTERS AND CABLES. IN RELATED CEMENT DEAL, BEDRIA ALLEGEDLY REFUSED TO RETURN 50,000 DOLS "GOOD WILL MONEY" DEPOSITED BY SYRIAN BUSINESSMAN IN PRUDENTIAL'S BANK OF AMERICA INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNT; SYRIAN PRINCIPAL, A FRIEND OF HALLEK, GOT COLD FEET WHEN UNCLASSIFIED

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HALLEK-PRUDENTIAL DEAL TURNED SOUR AND ASKED FOR RETURN OF MONEY IN NOVEMBER 76. ACCORDING TO SYRIAN ATTORNEY, PRUDENTIAL NEVER RESPONDED.

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